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WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

St. Louis, MO: Reynold Edward Shivers was sentenced to 360 months in prison for production of child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

"The production of these types of images creates a permanent record of sexual abuse," said Hanaway. "Mr. Shivers and people like him deserve to receive the maximum penalties allowed by law to remove them from society."

In 2007 investigators received information concerning child molestation and child pornography allegations involving Reynold Edward Shivers, a/k/a "Eddie Shivers." Further investigation revealed that Shivers had created sexually explicit photographs three children, an eight-year old, a five-year old and a two- year old.

Shivers, 47, Mineral Point, MO, pled guilty last November to two felony counts of production of child pornography. He appeared today for sentencing before United States District judge Charles A. Shaw.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.